RESOLUTION 2021-4

OF THE LA PORTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has forced many school districts to replace in-person classroom instruction with virtual instruction; and

WHEREAS, virtual instruction is no substitute for in-person classroom instruction; and

WHEREAS, certified school staff, teachers, and school support staff should be identified as critical because of the vital role they play in the education and development of our state's children; and

WHEREAS, vaccinating certified school staff, teachers, and school support staff must not take away any vaccine supply from other critical workers and individuals; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that we return students to in-person, instruction as quickly and safely as possible while providing a safe environment for our certified school staff, teachers, and school support staff; and

WHEREAS, this body has worked closely with the La Porte County Council and the La Porte County Health Department to ramp up a vaccination clinic at the La Porte County Fairgrounds, and has provided weekly conference calls to enhance collaboration and cooperation among all stakeholders in our county as we collectively seek to battle this pandemic.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS THAT:

- 1) We ask our local legislators to prevail on the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) to place school employees in the Phase 1A vaccination group and
- 2) In the absence of a move of such employees into such group, ensure that all school employees are placed on call lists for surplus vaccines on hand at COVID-19 Phase 1A vaccination clinics.

All of which is resolved this _3\d day of March, 2021

Richard J. Mrozinski, Jr. - President

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